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WANTED TO EXCHANGE GOODS FOR 100,000 BUSHELS OF CORN!

Will pay TWO CENTS A BUSHEL more than the Highest Market Price paid by any shipper, in
CLOTHING
HATS, CAPS,
.GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.
JEANS, FLANNELS, YARNS, &c.,
AT LOWEST CASH PRICES,

Corn to be delivered at D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s mill, Decatur, Ill.

— IN OUR —

Merchant Tailoring Department!

Will be found the first arrival of new and stylish Cloths and Cassimeres, Vestings and Overcoats. Suits or single garments made to order on short notice and fits guaranteed. Two first-class cutters are constantly employed.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Dec 11—d&wmt

FOR CASH.

KEELER, THE HATTER,

Will sell his entire line of

Gents' Underwear, White Shirts,
BUCK AND DOGSKIN GLOVES,
HOSIERY, SUSPENDERS,
LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS,
LINEN AND SILK HANKS,
NECK WEAR, &c..

IN FACT EVERYTHING EXCEPT:

HATS AND CAPS!

At a Large Reduction for CASH, I propose making a change in my business February 1st, 1879, and will sell my entire line of Furnishing Goods accordingly.

S. T. KEELER,
No. 13 East Main Street.

Dec 11—d&wmt

Financial Pressure!

CLOSING OUT

THROUGH FINANCIAL PRESSURE I AM compelled to offer my entire stock of

CLOCKS,

WATCHES

— AND —

JEWELRY,

— AT —

Great Sacrifice!

EGIN, SPRINGFIELD, AND WALTHAM

WATCHES IN GOLD AND SILVER CASES, for

\$10.00 EACH, and other goods in proportion;

CLOKS lower than the manufacturers

price.

— I WILL —

Sacrifice \$500.00

IN MY ENTIRE STOCK TO ANY ONE WHO MEANS

BUSINESS AND WILL TAKE THE WHOLE lot.

H. POST,

No. 18 Water St.,

Decatur, Ill.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL

J. LAUX & BRO., Proprietors.

South side of the Old Square Theater, Illinois

March 18, 1878—d&wmt

CLOSE OUT

My Large and Well Selected Stock of

STOVES

— AND —

HARDWARE!

— AT —

GREATLY REDUCED

PRICES.

Fall Soon and Secure Bargains.

All persons indebted to me will please call

and settle and save cost.

R. C. CROCKER,

No. 9 Water Street.

Nov. 27, 1878—d&wmt

Weighing a Christmas Turkey.

"Here, sir! Please take this bird around to Albro's, and see how much it weighs."

The ideal! What would the folks over the way think, to see the "professor" walking out with big turkey under his arm? That was the way the thing presented itself to the good-natured college student acting as private tutor in the family. But Mrs. Simpson, the portly and practical housewife, had no such idea of the fitness of things.

It was the day before Christmas, and the farmer who had agreed to supply her with a turkey had brought it, but had not weighed it, and, of course, they could not agree on its weight, all of which ended in the startling proposition with which we begin.

"Well, if you ain't the laziest man! Just as though it was going to hurt you any to take this bird to the corner and back!" she went on, as she saw me looking, apparently, for a hole to crawl into, but, in reality, for the broom, which, when I found, I made use of in putting into execution a plan I had formed for weighing the turkey at home.

I hung the broom handle to the gas jet by a wire loop, and slid it along in the loop until it balanced. By this time all were curious to see what I was about.

I then fixed a wire to the turkey's feet, and hooked it so that it would slide on the broom handle. Next I got a flat iron and fixed it the same way. When the broom was nicely balanced, I hung the turkey on the broom end of the stick, two inches from the balancing loop. Then I hung the flat iron on the other side, and shoved it along until it balanced the turkey. Next I measured the distance of the turkey and flat iron eight inches from the balancing loop. That was all. I had found the weight of the turkey and told them—twenty-four pounds.

"Do you suppose I'm going to believe all that tomfoolery? It doesn't weigh more than twenty, I know. Here, Maggie! Take this out and ask Albro to weigh it for you!"

"I'm blamed if he hasn't hit it about right," said the farmer who had brought the turkey. "How did you find it out?"

"Well, you see," said I. "The flat iron had a figure six on it. That shows that it weighs six pounds. Now, if the turkey had not weighed more than the flat iron they would have balanced each other at the same distance from the balancing loop; but the turkey was the heavier, so I had to move the flat iron out farther. At the same distance from the loop as the turkey (two inches), the flat iron pulled six pounds weight, and at every addition of that distance it would pull six pounds more. Thus: At four inches it weighed twelve pounds; at six inches, eighteen pounds, and at eight inches, twenty-four pounds. At that distance it just balanced the turkey, thus proving that it weighed—"

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KANSAS is a growing State. In 1860, says the Atchison Champion, she had only 2,801 inhabitants, and now her population is not less than 250,000, with the prospect, in another year, of having 1,000,000. In 1860 she raised but 194,174 bushels of wheat; in 1878 she raised 22,000,000 bushels. In 1860 Kansas raised only 6,150,727 bushels of corn; in 1878 she raised over 100,000,000 bushels, and from present indications next year's crop will far exceed this.

CONCERNING THE UTILITY OF THE English sparrow in this country, a subject which has been earnestly discussed by scientific men, Professor C. V. Riley, Chairman of the United States Entomological Commission, has recently published a letter, in which he expresses his views, as follows:

I consider it useless to attempt the extermination of the bird. It is now established among us, and no measures that can be practically adopted would ever rid us entirely of it, even were such riddance desirable. In the country the bird will at times become a grievous pest here, as it has been in Europe, and farmers, for self-protection, will ever and anon have to systematically destroy it. I would, therefore, like to see it take its chances with our native birds, a thing which it is abundantly capable of doing, and corporations should not, in my judgment, encourage its undue multiplication by producing shelter and resting-places beyond what the bird may naturally find.

THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA HAS decided that church subscriptions made on Sunday cannot be collected by law. As such subscriptions are generally made on the Sabbath day, churches under this decision will be compelled to attend to their financial affairs on week days, just as the world's people do. And why should they not? A railroad corporation or any other enterprise which attempted to secure subscriptions to its stock on the Sabbath day, would be severely denounced by the church as violators of the Sabbath. The raising of money for church purposes is just as much a secular affair as raising money for any other purpose, and it is difficult to see why the law which treats all other business contracts made on Sunday as void, should make an exception in favor of church organizations.—Bloomington Leader.

THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES, in commenting on the murder of Clark and White, the two colored witnesses summoned to appear before the Grand Jury of the United States Court, in New Orleans, waves the bloody shirt to this extent: "We appeal to the quiet, law-abiding citizens of the State to say if it is reasonable to look for any true prosperity—such prosperity, at least, as can be brought to us from the outside—so long as such deeds are perpetrated or are practicable?" The time has come for these things to be suppressed with a stern and inexorable hand. The time has come for the law to assert itself and for the authorities to show that they propose to keep the peace and to protect citizens in their rights. We cannot go on in this way. It is idle to expect that we can gain the confidence of the world unless we vindicate our own integrity and show to all men that law and order are the rule in Louisiana. We have our affairs in our own hands now—have had them thus for nearly two years; there is no emergency to palliate such lawlessness as we describe—noting to soften down the ugly air of violence which these episodes carry on their faces."

MUNICIPAL DEBTS IN THE MONTH.

From the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer-Gazette.

Our own corporation is not the only one which has become involved in financial difficulties. In fact all are more or less in trouble. In Georgia only Augusta and Atlanta have any appreciable value attached to their bonds and promptly pay interest without the issuance of local bills. Such have caused much great trouble. Savannah is trying to compromise, Montgomery has done so, and Mobile and New Orleans are heavily involved. The main reason of Augusta's strong position is her lucky escape at the close of the war. In Tennessee the status is worse than in Georgia or Alabama. Memphis owes \$6,000,000, and the creditors have no hope of getting anything. Memphis is still agitating the question of surrendering her charter and having a receiver appointed for the debt. Her fine Nicholas pavements are in a terrible condition, and the yellow fever scourge has further depressed monetary affairs.

In a quandary.

From the New York Tribune.

The solid South is in a good deal of a quandary about its programme for 1878. The whole nation is united on only one principle, to proceed at any cost and with any man. So soon as talk about the strongest man begins, then the shadow appears. South Carolina stands alone in favoring a hard-line policy with the East, with Mississippi and Georgia. Georgia is in a quandary with a platoon of any kind. She was a moderate, but a most vacuous, nearly all the time force of compromise men—such as H. C. Whipple, and a few others. The methods of the South, however, are easily apparent. They are the half-breed, the half-slave, the half-free, the half-breed slaves. The solid South is solid and strong, but it is unable to decide.

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WILLIAM H. RHE.

A RECOLLECTION OF THE WAR—SOME OF HIS PRISON EXPERIENCE.

Litchfield Monitor, Dec. 28th.

In the latter half of the year 1864 the writer, being then on duty at Memphis, Tenn., was ordered to accompany a bag of trust to the city of Hernando, Miss. On arriving at that place we found a large number of Union prisoners who had been brought from the Cahawba prison, Alabama, in exchange for an equal number of rebel prisoners previously surrendered by Gen. C. C. Washburn. In addition to the soldiers were several civilians. Of these I recall very distinctly a Mr. Ross, of Decatur, and a most entertaining companion I found him on the long ride from Hernando to Memphis.

He related to me his experience in the Sunny South; how he came down from Illinois to visit his brother-in-law, who died about the time of his arrival; how he sought to find his sons, who were serving in Sherman's army; how he was captured by the rebels, and, though a non-combatant, held a prisoner.

Judged by this narrative, Cahawba prison yielded nothing in atrocity to Andersonville or Belle Island. One of the refinements of devilish ingenuity in this prison was an extra dead line. The usual dead line, which prisoners were forbidden to cross, was one within a few feet of the walls of the prison, and must be crossed in an attempt to escape. But this extra dead line was one in front of the building in which the prisoners lodged, and must be crossed in going to and from the prison yard, but on it they must not linger on pain of being shot without warning. Of this dead line Mr. Ross told this incident.

Walking one day with the rebel officer in command and earnestly pressing him as a non-combatant, and therefore unlawfully held as a prisoner of war, he approached and for one second lingered on the dead line in utter obliviousness of the prison rule. In that second the guard brought his gun to his shoulder; the quick eye of Mr. Ross caught the motion and he sprang forward and the officer with him. The guard fired and the ball whizzed by them and pierced the body of the prisoner, a soldier of an Eastern regiment. The next day the guard was promoted.

Mr. Ross incurred the bitter animosity of his jailors by his out-spoken unionism, not to say abolitionism. Having faith in the doctrines of the Declaration of Independence, he was fond of Fourth of July speeches, and "The Day," though in a rebel prison, was duly honored.

Mr. Ross was not embraced in the list of exchanges delivered to us at Hernando. He came up on parole seeking an exchange for himself—civilian for a civilian. If he failed his parole obliged him to return to his prison, which, in his belief, was a return to certain death.

I parted with him at the headquarters of Gen. C. C. Washburn, and never again heard of him until to day, when I saw in the Decatur REPUBLICAN of the 12th the announcement of his death. H. H. Hoop. December 17th, 1878.

BURIED TREASURE BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

From the New York Tribune.

There is considerable excitement among the residents of Rossville over the good fortune of Christopher Meister, a German market-gardener, living on the Lake Farm on Lake Island, near the Sound shore. On Christmas day Mr. Meister and his son, while digging a pit to bury turnips, in a sandy spot near the shore, struck a large stone three feet below the surface. Upon removing the stone they discovered an old-fashioned iron pot, of about a peck's capacity, filled with what appeared to be large copper coins. They sat once removed the pot to the house, and, after cleaning a few coins, which were black with age, found them to be Spanish silver dollars, some of them bearing date 1748. The farm occupied by Mr. Meister was owned and occupied by the Lake family before and during the Revolutionary War. It seems probable that the treasure found by Mr. Meister was hidden where found by some of the Lake family during one of the raids made by tories on the Island. About five years ago a number of gold and silver coins were dug up in the garden of Sheriff Negant at Rossville, and still later a box full of Spanish ducatons was found on the farm of Mr. Chapman, near the old Methodist Episcopal Church at Rossville. Mr. Meister is highly elated over his good fortune, and intends to make further explorations, believing that there is more buried treasure in the vicinity.

W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting Thursday P. M., at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. A full attendance is desired. Committees soliciting in behalf of the needy will please report.

By order of President.

MR. SPARKS, COR. SETY.

MARRIED.

At Priest's Hotel, today, by Judge S. F. Greer, Mr. JAMES W. HUER and Miss ANNIE A. NICKRY, both of Oakley township.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.

Imboden & Son have at their meat market some of the choicest cuts from the fine steer exhibited at the late fat cattle show in Chicago by Hamilton & Vanmeter, of Winchester, Ky., which weighed 2,440 pounds. These cuts from the fat steer at the exhibition, are a sight to behold, and are well worth calling to see. This firm has also purchased of J. D. Gillett, of Elkhart, Ill., a two-year-old steer weighing 1,800 pounds, which they will slaughter for the holiday trade, and also some extra fine cattle from the herd of Mr. Pickrell, of Harristown, together with a full line of mutton, pork, veal and all varieties of meats, of the best quality. This old and reliable establishment makes it a point to keep the best of everything in their line, and the extensive patronage enjoyed by Imboden & Son shows that their enterprise is duly appreciated by their fellow-citizens.

Dec. 28-29-30.

Quesy:—"Why will men smoke coin mon tobacco, when they can buy Marburg Bros.' Seed of North Carolina' at the same price?" (Jan. 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-3

CITY DEPARTMENT.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. HICKMAN as a candidate for City Marshal of the coming municipal election.

NEW YEAR'S CARDS.—We have a fine assortment of New Year's Cards, embracing all the latest and noblest styles. Gentlemen should leave their orders at once. First come, first served.

LAWYER NOTICES.—The library and reading room will be closed on New Year's Day, according to custom.

Post Office Notice.—The Post Office will be open at 12 o'clock to-morrow for the day. R. P. LITTLE, P. M.

ADDITIONAL local news on second page. Ever day of the year 1-78.

PARKWALK 1878.

The Oregon Bay is all kerect.

Pay your debts to-day, and commence the new year square with all mankind.

Moscow bargained daily, at J. M. Stookey & Co's, dec 20-1878.

"Them" Sleigh Bells will be here to-morrow morning.

MORRISON & WELLS.

The PAT CLOTHES, every style, 25 cents, at MORRISON & WELLS, dec 19-1878.

With the close of the year forgive everybody, and be willing that everybody should forgive you.

Prayer meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms from 11:30 to 12, every day this week.

HANOVER.—The place to buy slippers is Barber & Baker's, dec 17-1878.

How nice a pair of those genteel slippers at Wessels' would be for New Year's present! He has also a large and select stock of everything in the boot and shoe line.

You boys are well fixed for the holiday trade. Call and see.

Dec 19-1878.

NO CLOTHING house in central Illinois know a finer line of genteel furnishing goods than Mrs. Morrison, and none can sell at lower prices than does he.

Everybody, look at Barber & Baker's slippers, dec 17-1878.

"Them" Sleigh Bells will be here to-morrow morning.

MORRISON & WELLS.

Sweat over it to-morrow. If you put it off till Thursday you're gone for 304 days anyhow.

Of course all who have received invitations will attend the Guards' Soiree to-night. It will be one of the pleasantest parties given yet.

WAYNE BROS., of the Keystone Carriage Works, have turned out this season 28 cutters and runners. Pretty good for one firm.

Don't forget that the place to buy carpet goods, rugs, mats, window shades and fixtures, is at Abel & Lock's. Also the largest stock of wall paper in central Illinois.

They who buy their clothing at Ehrman's get the best of goods, and that, too, at lowest prices. His merchant tailoring department makes suits to order, at ready made prices.

You men, and old men, too, have some style about you. Call on your lady friends to-morrow, pass the compliments of the season, and let 'em know you're still in the land of the living.

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MORRISON & WELLS.

C. B. Present's is the place to buy a fine Piano or Organ for a Christmas present, dec 20-1878.

MILAM turns out the best bread and pastry of any baking establishment in town. Delivery wagon running to all parts of the city.

SULLIVANSON's patent process flour saves one half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

Dec 18-1878.

A series of meetings will be held by the Church of God at the Bethel, beginning to-night with watch meeting, commencing at 8 P. M. Services hereafter beginning at 7 P. M. All are invited.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Mamie Kinney has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at Terre Haute.

The Misses May and Jennie Rogers left on the Midland this noon for Marion, where they will spend New Year's day with the friends of their childhood.

Mrs. W. H. Linn and Mrs. T. B. Blackstone will receive calls at the residence of W. H. Linn, on West Main street.

W. W. Swearingen, the druggist, left for Springfield yesterday, on political and private business.

Mrs. J. F. Wolgamot, of Springfield, arrived in the city at noon to-day, and is the guest of Mrs. J. R. Race.

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Brown Whitsel, who is in the employ of the Wabash railway at East St. Louis, departed for that place yesterday. He has been spending Christmas week at home.

Hon. J. G. Cannon, of Danville, was in the city for a few hours last evening, and called at the REPUBLICAN office. He will spend New Year's at home, and will leave for Washington, D. C., on Jan. 2d.

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William C. Starck leaves the city to-morrow to take up his residence in the hardware store of Morrison & Wells, in Decatur. For the past seven years Mr. Starck has been employed by M. A. McDonald and C. F. Lescure & Co., in the hardware and stove business. In this city. From a mere boy he has grown to manhood in the business, and shown himself efficient, polite and competent in every respect. He possesses the confidence of his old employers, and the highest esteem of this whole community. Mr. Starck will prove an acquisition to the society of Decatur, and we predict will make his mark in business intelligence is more encouraging.

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Dinners and Suppers, including Oysters,

25 Cents.

Proceeds of the Fair to go toward liquidating the debt on the Tabernacle.

ATTRACTIONS:

The following articles have been secured

and will be disposed of by votes or tickets.

ONE GARLAND STOVE, from Morrison & Wells, \$25.00.

ONE GOLD-BRADED CANE, from W. H. Abbott, \$10.00. To be voted to the most popular woman.

ONE SILVER WATER SET, from Curtis & Ewing, \$20.00.

ONE CHAMBER SET, from Peddeco & Burrows, \$10.00.

ONE SECRETARY, from Peddeco & Burrows, \$60.00.

ONE PATENT ROCKING CHAIR, from Peddeco & Burrows, \$30.00.

ONE BED, \$25.00, donated by Hayes & Bartholomew, \$25.00.

One donation by Linn & Scruggs.

The Secretary and Rocker are to be voted by the Fire Companies—the one receiving the most votes to be given the Secretary, and the other to the Rocker.

Numerous other articles will be on exhibition and for sale, particulars of which will be given hereafter.

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LIBRARY NOTICE.—The Library and reading room will be closed on New Year's Day, according to custom.

TELEGRAPH NOTICE.—The Post Office will be closed at 12 o'clock to-morrow for the R. P. LITTLE, P. M.

ADDITIONAL local news on second page. Last day of the year 175.

FAREWELL, 1878.

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With the close of the year forgive everybody, and be willing that everybody should forgive you.

Prayer meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms from 11:30 to 12, every day this week.

HABERMAN, the place to buy slippers is Barber & Baker's, dec 17 dif.

For me a pair of those gentle slippers at Wessels' would be for a New Year's present! He has also a large and select stock of everything in the boot and shoe line.

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Turn to buy their clothing at Eastern's; get the best of goods, and that, too, at lowest prices. His merchant tailoring department in fustex suits to order, at ready made prices.

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